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Bush defends FBI, CIA

LANSING, Mich.—Former Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush says it is "time we got off the backs" of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the CIA. Bush told a state Republican fund-raising dinner here that "we have tied the hands of our intelligence agencies." He said the FBI and CIA are being punished "for a handful of abuses two decades before." Bush was particularly critical of former agents who have broken their oaths of secrecy and deliberately distorted accounts of secret operations "in an effort to sell their books." Some of these books, he said, are "full of errors and lies."